

CROKERS ADMIT EFFORT TO ANNUL ETHEL'S MARRIAGE

Papers in Suit for Separation of Young Woman and Groom Being Prepared.

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Case Put in the Hands of Richard Croker Jr. Before Father Sailed.

Intimate friends of the family of Richard Croker declared today that legal papers were being prepared in a proceeding to annul the marriage of Miss Ethel Croker and John J. Breen, the groom and stable manager, she married secretly a year ago this month. The annulment proceedings will be brought in New Jersey, where the marriage took place.

One of the chief objects of Richard Croker's recent visit to America, it was said, was to have a talk with Breen and persuade him to consent to an annulment. The former boss of New York and his son-in-law met in this city and had several conferences. Breen was defiant and refused to listen to any of the arguments of his father-in-law. Although he has not seen his wife since two days after the marriage he maintained that she was prevented from seeing him against her will. He declared to Mr. Croker that he would engage counsel and fight the annulment proceedings.

Leaves Case in Son's Hands

When Mr. Croker returned to Europe he left the matter in the hands of his son, Richard Croker Jr., with instructions to lose no time in beginning the annulment proceedings. None of the Croker family would discuss the subject today. Mrs. Breen is living in Paris with her sister Florence, the Duchess San Martino.

The Crokers have never recognized the marriage. In the fact that Miss Croker was a Roman Catholic and Breen a Protestant. It was learned today that two days after the marriage her brothers got hold of the bride and took her to friends in Cedarhurst. Shortly afterward she went abroad. Breen followed, but failed to see her. He saw Richard Croker in London and they had a stormy interview. He returned without his bride, but apparently in better financial condition than he had ever been before.

During the summer he opened up a riding school on the New Jersey coast. New he is in the employ of the Hon. J. B. Stratton, Croker's brother-in-law, a wealthy Canadian member of Parliament. He was summoned to New York from Canada upon the arrival of Mr. Croker here.

O'Neill Seelie, a friend of Breen's, who is employed in the Knickerbocker stables in West Fifty-fourth street, says that Breen has engaged an attorney to represent him in this suit.

Discussing the case Seelie said: "For a time Mrs. Breen wrote very friendly letters to her husband. Then these suddenly ceased. It looked to Breen, as he told it to me, that the Crokers were using their influence to keep his wife away."

Grounds for the Suit

"I have been told that the family hoped to obtain the annulment upon three grounds. First, that as Breen was a Protestant and Miss Croker a Catholic, the marriage was not recognized because she did not obtain the sanction of the church; second, that the marriage was only a civil formality, and that is not recognized by the family; third, that Breen was not a resident of New Jersey when he got the license, having merely taken a room in a hotel for the day. I am sure Breen will corroborate all I have told you."

The marriage of Breen and Miss Croker was first reported about May 1, 1910. It was denied at the time and Breen said he was "only a servant in Miss Croker's eyes." Even the Justice of the Peace who performed the ceremony denied it.

A few days later the Justice of the Peace admitted that on the plea of Breen he had kept the facts quiet, but that he really had married the couple.

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Exposure of Crooked Gamblers' Tools and Prison Threat for "Sure Thing" Men Scares Bondsmen of 70 Called to Trial

Bail Withdrawn, Three Caught in Flynn's Raid Are Sent to Tombs Cells.

HOW CHEATERS WORK.

Expert Shows How Apparatus Gives Players No Chance for Even Break.

A well-defined report that convictions under the many pending indictments for gambling would mean jail sentences with no fines as alternatives today created a near panic among the crowds that came to the Court of General Sessions, where the seventy cases against gamblers who were arrested in recent raids were set for hearing.

In many cases bondsmen who had bailed the accused men considered the advisability of surrendering their men to the police and getting off of the bonds. In three cases, Edward Robinson of No. 141 West Forty-fifth street withdrew from his bonds and let Theodore Dwight, John W. Marsh and Samuel Fager, who were taken in a raid Feb. 2 at No. 112 West Forty-eighth street, go to the Tombs while they sought other bail.

Many attorneys, principals and bondsmen, to say nothing of a throng of interested spectators, were on hand when court opened. Assistant District Attorney Ruckner and Brothers told Judge Rosales that Mr. Whitman was out of town and a large number of witnesses would have to be called. They asked for time to prepare for the hearing of the cases. The Court put the hearings over until Wednesday.

Prison for Crooked Gamblers

Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn was in court and consulted the Judge and prosecutors. It was said that a program had been outlined for the treatment of the prisoners in event of conviction. It was stated that the policy of the Court will be to send all offenders in cases where crooked games have been shown to jail. In cases of slight gambling the policy is said to be to impose jail sentences and then to parole the prisoners. In more serious sentences, in the custody of Flynn. If he finds that they are breaking their parole and are gambling again the men are to be brought back and then sent to all upon their own convicts.

When the tidings came to the lawyers who represented the gamblers that they might plead guilty and get suspended sentences they met their attorneys outside the court.

"We won't accept any such plan," said the clients. "We will go to trial first. If we accept this plan it will mean that the New York man will be driven out of the business and that Western men will flood New York. We will go ahead and fight, and if convicted, take an appeal to the highest court."

The great fear in the heart of every one of the prisoners was that they should be convicted of being a "common gambler" under the law, but that they should be convicted of being a "crooked dealer."

Under the rulings of human nature no man who is merely a gambler suffers any blame because the police break into his place, seize his gambling tables, his cards, his chips, his dice or his "deal boxes" on the ground that he is a common gambler. But if it can be shown that his apparatus is "fixed," that it is not a "sure" thing, a sure bet, and above anything which is almost entirely by the District Attorney and the courts which makes life not worth living for him.

The gamblers of New York know today that Deputy Commissioner Flynn and his secret police have secured evidence that there is no such thing as a square game as gambling has been carried on in the City of New York during the time Mr. Flynn has been active in regulating vice in this city—about six weeks.

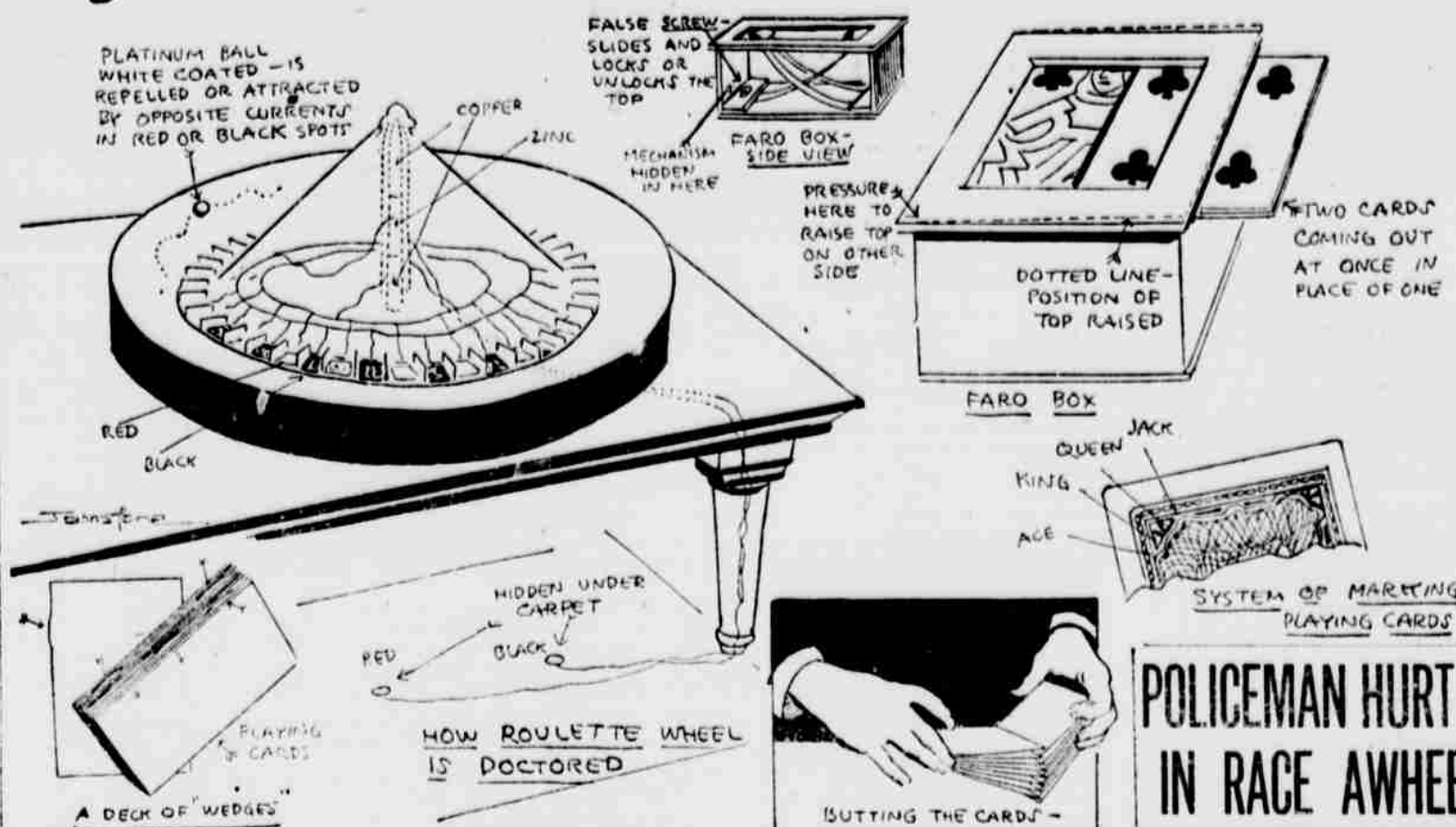
Killing the "Break Even"

This does not mean that every roulette wheel, every faro box, every pack of cards, every set of dice is unjustly accused. It means that when the ordinary weaknesses of human nature are not enough to make a gambler's fool out of the man who "wants to take a chance," there are appliances ready to overcome whatever fraction of "good luck" might naturally be in his favor.

On the best authority The Evening World is in a position to say that in these forty-four raids thirty-six showed evidence that there was gambling other than horse race betting. In all of these cards, dice and roulette wheels were used. In six cases "deal boxes" for false dealing of cards were discovered and captured. In two cheating roulette wheels were found.

Under the law, the District Attorney's office and Mr. Flynn were ready to assert today, a gambler is a gambler, and is a criminal whether he cheats or not. But it is Commissioner Flynn's idea that if he can demonstrate in the course of these trials that a gambler in New York is at the same time a cheat, with the implements of cheating always ready at his hand, the public appetite for gambling will be dulled. Neither the Deputy Commissioner nor any of his men has any doubt but that the few cheating devices actually captured by his direct, sudden and mysterious methods of raiding are mere samples of scores of other cheating implements kept ready in all sorts of secret places for the moment when they are "most needed."

What Do You Know of These? Did you, Mr. Roulette Player, ever hear of a Mule's Ear? Did you ever hear of a Platinum Ball? Did you ever hear of a Finger Flip or Flick? Did you ever hear of a Switched Number? No? Did you, Mr. Faro Player—who is fond of saying that faro is the only game that gives the player a square chance—ever hear of a



Spring Box or a Favorite Deck or a Mule's Ear?

Did you, Mr. Dice Player (whether it be with chuck-a-luck or craps or poker dice), ever hear of a "Mounded" or "Shaved" Dice? Of course you, Mr. Poker Player, have heard of Marked Cards. But what do you know about "Brush Work," "Lime Work" and other varieties of cards that sell at wholesale for twelve dollars a dozen or at retail for thirty-five dollars a dozen? They are on sale in individual patterns, guaranteed authentic, in a score of gamblers' supply stores in this and other cities.

It is information on these matters that Deputy Commissioner Flynn, in the course of his prosecution of the gamblers who have been raided by him in this city recently, has ready to add to the mere routine evidence that his prisoners are guilty of plain, ordinary or common gambling. He will introduce the roulette wheels, the faro boxes, the packs of cards and the dice which have been "fixed" in evidence and with an experienced skin-gambler operating them show that they are not only gambling devices, but that they are unfair—whatever it is to the interest of the proprietor that they should be "crooked."

Mr. Flynn and his men, when they were approached by reporters of The Evening World on the nature of the evidence of this sort which they meant to show to the two judges and the two juries of the General Sessions Court which began the consideration of the cases of the forty-four gamblers set down for trial today, said that it would be discourteous to the courts to tell the nature of the evidence in advance of its presentation in court. It was, therefore, necessary to go to acquaintances and victims of the gamblers awaiting trial and to the manufacturers of gambling apparatus in Boston, Chicago, New York and Baltimore to get the information which Mr. Flynn, with his widespread facilities for gathering information, had in his possession before he began his crusade.

Crooked Work in Faro

FARO—The game of faro is the one game in which the player is bound to get, if the game is fairly played, almost an "even break." The good reputation of the game makes it the most profitable for the proprietor. The six biggest faro boxes which Mr. Flynn and his men are believed to have in their possession all are of the type which have inside springs, worked by a careless pressure of a finger on one corner, which flip two cards to be slipped through a slot that should allow only one to pass.

If you suspect that the box is crooked ask to see it and handle it. The dealer will touch a spring which "locks" it. The box immediately becomes a "square" box. You could not deal two cards at once through its slot if you tried. But a hairspring pressure on the right screw head and it is ready to turn out two cards at once every time the dealer so wills. "Square" boxes cost \$5 each; the crooked kind cost \$10.

Faro cards intended for crooked work are roughened, "sanded." Any person passing his finger tips over the backs and fronts of the cards Mr. Flynn has seized can tell the difference between the surface of those meant for the gambler's use and those intended for the crooked dealer's use.

In the card process of every gambling house have been found a weird assortment of cards in varying poses. For instance, there are five out of seven packs containing fifty-four cards each instead of the proper fifty-two. The faro dealer observes that one of his more adventurous players is especially apt to bet on the ace or the king. At once a deck is introduced which contains an extra ace and king. The dealer knows where these extra cards lie. He can "rule" one of them, "sift" them, by using his double-card spring, slipping them into the discard. Whatever way the man bets, that an ace or king will win or lose, the dealer can throw the card against him.

The "false keeper" the man who keeps a set of buttons on wires like a Christman's laundry apron, is always within grasping reach of the dealer. He can make his count of the cards on the machine tally as the dealer deals him if he chooses to tally. Has the dealer killed an ace or a king "sanded" gets a signal—it may be the croaking of a little finger. It may be the raising of an eyebrow—the ace is recorded as having appeared and passed out.

How Wheels Are Fixed

ROULETTE—There are various pieces who will get out their little devils' toolbox and tell you that a roulette wheel cannot be made to work otherwise than fairly. But none the less every little while the manufacturers of gambling apparatus set an order for a "Mule's Ear." It is a wheel in which the inclined circular track—for the ball to run on which the croupier sits—is a deplorable segment shaped like a mule's ear.

Shaved Corners of Dice

What's the use of putting a mark on it that the sucker might miraculously find out?

What do you know about butting the cards? It is just as true in faro as in poker. The man who shoves the cards together in shuffling so that they fall into absolutely alternate layers is a cheat; he knows exactly where every card of the fifty-two or fifty-four lies all the time.

Everybody knows what "second dealing" and "bottom dealing" is. But until the General Sessions heard of Mr. Flynn's exposure do these tricks they will never suspect how much faster the hand is than the eye. Two Evening World reporters at last night under a strong electric light, with their eyes eight inches from the pack, and men who may be called as witnesses or defendants by Mr. Flynn, dealt "second" and "bottom" with full warning and announcement—and the reporters cannot tell you now how it was done.

DICTION—If a dice is set upon to all the while that blow, the chances are—they are not—that one face will fall on top with just as much frequency as another. But suppose the dice be shaped like a railroad tie. It will fall not upon its ends, but lengthwise. Now, suppose the lengthening is cut down until it is imperceptible. It will still tend to fall upon its ends. A dealer with all the possible combinations in his hands, pained, can, as Mr. Flynn's witnesses will show, place dice upon the table at any time which will favor the house and ruin those which, for the time being, are not useful.

Then there is the "count down." Every "house-dealer" who is competent, as will be shown to the General Sessions jury, can "cut" a deck of cards anywhere through its depth and tell just how many cards by the very feel of them—he has taken from the pack. The advantage such knowledge gives to the adept is unworthy of explanation.

GIVES UP \$20 ON A BLUFF.

Hands Over Cash When Assistant Pretends to Draw Pistol.

David Stumber of No. 134 Milford place, the Bronx, a collector for an installment house, went into a tenement house at No. 33 West One Hundred and Thirty-second street today to collect some money from a negro family living on an upper floor.

As he was on his way out again a young negro, who was lounging in a hallway, backed him up in a dark corner and, by making threatening motions as if to draw a revolver, frightened Stumber into handing over \$20.

The collector followed the young man to a safe distance until he saw Policeman Stephens, who on Stumber's excited accusation arrested the negro.

The prisoner said he was Ed Williams, an elevator boy, and that he lived in the house where he was alleged to have taken the money. No revolver was found on him.

LEAGUE FOR ANIMALS GROWS.

Plans to Teach Kindness Outlined for Second Year.

The first annual report of the New York Women's League for Animals which seeks to come into friendly contact with the poor and to teach children kindness to animals was issued today.

The report says that the Work Horse Parade held last May, and which will be an annual feature, was most successful. \$200 in cash prizes were awarded to drivers and twenty-two Sponser medals were distributed among the drivers of the various city departments. The parade will be held again next month. The juvenile education in charge of Miss Ella Mabel Clark, is going rapidly forward, eleven lectures a month being given at twelve settlements.

Beer Vendors Moving Picture Show.

SAYVILLE, L. I., April 17.—A freight-car dashed into Sayville village at 7 o'clock this morning, took a pump into the moving picture show, then moved on, clearing the highest fences in its path. On striking Main street the pump passed before Otto's butcher shop, where it is sized up the carcasses hanging in the window, then made a final plunge in the direction of the ocean.

JAY GOULD'S FIANCEE NOT PRINCESS, SAYS DOLE.

Former Head of Provincial Government Declares Miss Graham Has No Royal Blood.

CLEVELAND, O., April 17.—Judge Sanford B. Dole of the United States District Court of Honolulu and at one time head of the Provincial Government there today denied that Miss Annie Douglas Graham, who is to be married to Jay Gould, is a princess of royal Hawaiian blood.

Judge Dole said Miss Graham is the granddaughter of a Mrs. Coney, whose

sister was the wife of a famous Hawaiian chief.

"However, Miss Graham is a most charming woman," he added, "and we think over there she is even better than a princess."

Pension for slain Agent's Widow.

The directors of the New York Central Railroad have voted a pension of \$5 a month to the widow and dependent children of Charles H. Condit, the station agent at Croton Lake, who was murdered by highwaymen on the night of April 8 in his office. The railroad officers are also taking an active part in running down the men who killed Condit. The slain agent had been in the employ of the railroad for many years. He left a large family.

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